

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 405  
By Phillips

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Bob Lemmon for  
meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their endeavors have become credits to their respective communities, professions and churches; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Mr. Bob Lemmon of Shelbyville, who for 26 years has served the Lord as founder and director of the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation; and

WHEREAS, born in 1921 to Harry and Julia Lemmon of Bedford County, Mr. Lemmon attended school in both Rover and Eagleville; and

WHEREAS, after being drafted into the service, Dr. Lemmon was wounded on the front lines of Italy, and was subsequently assigned to the chaplain's office in Southern France; and

WHEREAS, after his discharge, Dr. Lemmon attended the Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas to prepare for the ministry. While there, he worked on the staff of the First Baptist Church under Dr. J. Frank Norris, and he quickly ascended to the position of general administrator over the Sunday School; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Dr. Lemmon went to Memphis where he organized a church and pastored it for 15 years. He returned to Fort Worth in 1967, and pastored there for five years. After 25 years as a pastor, Dr. Lemmon made the decision to devote his time to the Bible printing ministry; and

WHEREAS, during his stay in Fort Worth, Dr. Lemmon organized the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation, with the ultimate goal of printing the entire Bible in several languages; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Dr. Lemmon moved his printing business to Shelbyville, where under his august leadership, it has prospered. Currently, Scriptures are being printed in English, Spanish, French, Creole, Russian, Rumanian, Hungarian, Italian, Chinese, Korean and Albanian; and

WHEREAS, along with his Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Church Building degrees from the Bible Baptist Seminary, Bob Lemmon was awarded a doctorate degree in 1979 by the Covenant Theological Seminary in Pensacola, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Bob Lemmon exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and accolades aside, he is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his devoted wife of 55 years, the former Justine Hope Harris; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Dr. Bob Lemmon for his many outstanding contributions to enhancing the spirituality of others throughout the world and for his dedication to the citizens of Shelbyville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dr. Bob Lemmon for his service to the state of Tennessee and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.